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SUBJECT: "RED FLAG" DETAILS LIN PIAO'S CRIMES AND HITS
"LEFT OPPORTUNISM"

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1. NCNA ENGLISH JUNE 10 CARRIES SECOND ARTICLE WITHIN ONE WEEK FROM ISSUE NUMBER FIVE OF "RED FLAG" (PREVIOUS ITEMS WAS SHORT COMMENTARY ON STRENGTHENING RANKS OF MARXIST THEORISTS) (REF A). THE ARTICLE BY "YU FAN" PURPORTS TO ANALYZE NOTES KEPT BY LIN PIAO DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE NINTH PARTY CONGRESS IN APRIL 1969 AND THE SECOND PLENUM IN AUGUST OF 1970, JUST BEFORE HIS FALL. THE NOTES ALLEGEDLY CONTAINED "SIX POINTS FOR ATTENTION": 1) STAND ON THE LEFT SIDE, 2) BOLDLY COMBAT ULTRA-LEFT TREND OF THOUGHT, 3) RESOLUTELY COMBAT RIGHT DEVIATION, 4) UNITED WITH THE MAJORITY OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A VACILLATING POLITICAL STAND AND WRONG IDEAS, 5) DISINTEGRATE THE INDIRECT RESERVES, AND 6) STRATEGEM OF CONCEALMENT.

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2. THE BULK OF THE ABOVE POINTS ARE DISCUSSED ALONG NOW

FAMILIAR LINES IN ATTACKING LIN PIAO'S PLOT TO SEIZE POWER. ALTHOUGH RIGHT DEVIATION IS FIRMLY DENOUNCED, NOTEWORTHY POINT IN OUR JUDGMENT IS ATTENTION GIVEN TO "LEFT OPPORTUNISM", A SUBJECT WHICH HAS NOT FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN RECENT THEORETICAL PIECES ON THE CAMPAIGN. OPPORTUNIST LINES, THE ARTICLE STATES, ARE "CHARACTERIZED BY THE BREACH BETWEEN THE SUBJECTIVE AND THE OBJECTIVE, BY THE SEPARATION OF KNOWLEDGE FROM PRACTICE". "LEFT OPPORTUNISTS", IT IS CLAIMED, "TRY TO OUTSTRIP A GIVEN STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE OBJECTIVE PROCESS, REGARD THEIR FANTASIES AS TRUTH AND STRAIN TO REALIZE IN THE PRESENT AN IDEAL WHICH CAN ONLY BE REALIZED IN THE FUTURE".

3. A SECOND MAJOR THEME IN THE ARTICLE IS UNITY AND VIGILANCE AGAINST THE SPLITTIST ACTIVITIES OF CONSPIRATORS SUCH AS LIN PIAO. MAO'S ADMONITION ON UNITING AND NOT SPLITTING OR CONSPIRING IS QUOTED, AND THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT "THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE UNITED AS ONE IS THE FUNDAMENTAL GUARANTEE FOR VICTORY AND ALSO THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO A RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM."

4. COMMENT: PROVINCIAL REPORTS OF THE FORMATION OF IDEOLOGICAL BACKBONE UNITS OR STUDY GROUPS SUGGEST, AS HONG KONG POINTS OUT REF B, THAT THE CENTER WANTS THEM UNDER CONTROL AND DISCIPLINED. THIS ARTICLE'S EMPHASIS ON UNITY SUPPORTS THIS VIEW. IT MAY BE INTENDED AS A WARNING TO THOSE (PRESUMABLY LACKING IN AN OBJECTIVE VIEW OF THE SITUATION) WHO WOULD GO TOO FAR TOO FAST IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN. FACT THAT THIS ARTICLE WAS CARRIED IN NCNA ENGLISH ALSO SUGGESTS THAT ITS ORIGINATORS WANT TO GET THE POINT ACROSS TO WESTERN OBSERVERS.

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